

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-9 and 19-23 without prejudice or disclaimer. A complete listing of all pending claims is shown below.

1. (canceled)

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10. (Original) A magnetic recording and playback device comprising:
a magneto-resistive head; and
a pair of reel supports for supporting a pair of reels of a magnetic storage
medium loaded in the magnetic recording and playback device,
wherein the reel supports are provided with an antistatic treatment.

11. (Original) The magnetic recording and playback device according to
Claim 10, wherein at least one part of the reel supports comprises a conductive
material as the antistatic treatment.

12. (Original) The magnetic recording and playback device according to
Claim 11, wherein at least one part of the reel supports is connected to the ground.

13. (Original) The magnetic recording and playback device according to Claim 11, wherein the conductive material has a surface-resistance ranging from 0 Ω/inch^2 to $1 \times 10^{12} \Omega/\text{inch}^2$.

14. (Original) The magnetic recording and playback device according to Claim 11, wherein the conductive material comprises a metal.

15. (Original) The magnetic recording and playback device according to Claim 10, wherein at least one part of the reel supports comprises an antistatic film formed on the surface thereof as the antistatic treatment.

16. (Original) The magnetic recording and playback device according to Claim 15, wherein the antistatic film formed on the surface of at least one part of the reel supports is connected to the ground.

17. (Original) The magnetic recording and playback device according to Claim 15, wherein the antistatic film has a surface-resistance ranging from 0 Ω/inch^2 to $1 \times 10^{12} \Omega/\text{inch}^2$.

18. (Original) The magnetic recording and playback device according to Claim 15, wherein the antistatic film is a metal film.

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